

**THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND AGRIBUSINESS  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL CENTER  
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The Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness carries on an extensive and coordinated program of teaching, organized research, and public service in a wide variety of professional subject matter areas.

Subject matter areas include the following:

Agricultural business management	Land and water economics
Farm organization and management	Applied computer programming
Statistical analysis of agricultural data	Cooperatives
Resource, rural, and community development	Price analysis
Environmental economics and ecology	Tropical resource development
Marketing (general and commodity)	International trade
Agricultural policy and public programs	Agricultural credit and finance

The department's research in these areas is part of the organized research program of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, a division of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center. Much of the research is in cooperation with other state research stations, the USDA, and other state and federal agencies.

The combination of teaching, organized research, and service provides an efficient, effective, and productive use of resources invested in higher educational and service to the public. Emphasis in research is on solving practical problems important to various segments of the economy. Research results are made available for immediate use in the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service and other educational and action agencies, including the Department of Vocational Agricultural Education, the Farmers Home Administration, the Soil Conservation Service, the Federal Farm Credit System, other government agencies, farm organizations, business and industrial firms, and individuals. Research results are used in decisions regarding the economics of land use, farm credit, resource, community and rural development, agricultural production and marketing, agribusiness, cooperatives, and public policy.

The department's coordinated teaching, research, and service program provides professional training for careers in a wide variety of occupations in education, agribusiness, industry and government services. Departmental course work is supplemented by courses in other disciplines; programs lead to degrees at three levels: Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy. Course work in all curricula provides knowledge of tools and techniques useful for decision making. Emphasis in the undergraduate program centers on developing the student's managerial ability. The graduate program builds on the undergraduate background, strengthening basic knowledge and adding more sophisticated analytical skills and business capabilities.

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